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SUBJECT: SITREP NO. 10: LABOR'S CONFRONTATION WITH GOVERNMENT

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1. CGT LEADER CASILDO HERRERAS AND 62 ORGANIZATIONS LEADER LORENZO MIGUEL ARRIVE THIS MORNING FROM EUROPE, AND WILL IMMEDIATELY RESUME DIRECTION OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT. CGT LEADERS SCHEDULED TO MEET AT 10 A.M. WITH THE CABINET (APPARENTLY RATHER THAN WITH MRS. PERON) TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO REACH COMPROMISE ON WAGE INCREASES. PRESSURES ON THEM FROM THE RANK AND FILE TO REMAIN FIRM CONTINUE. THE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO CONCEDE A GREAT DEAL FROM POSITION ANNOUNCED BY MRS. PERON ON JUNE 28 IF IT HOPES TO REACH A SOLUTION--IF INDEED REAL SOLUTION AT THIS POINT IS POSSIBLE.

2. THE PERONIST SENATORS YESTERDAY SENT MRS. PERON NOTICE THAT THEY HAD VOTED 32-4 TO GO AHEAD TODAY WITH ELECTION OF PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT OF SENATE. LASTIRI IN TURN TRIED TO GET THEM TO SIGN EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR GOVERNMENT. ONLY FOUR WOULD DO SO. APPARENTLY, IN EFFORT

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TO HEAD OFF ELECTION OF PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT, MRS.

PERON HAS ASKED PERONIST SENATORS TO MEET WITH HER AT NOON TODAY. MORE DIRECT EFFORTS HAVE BEEN SEEN IN PHONE CALLS TO KEY SENATORS THREATENING THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH DEATH IF THEY GO AHEAD WITH ELECTION OF PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT. MOST SENATORS SEE LOPEZ REGA BEHIND THESE THREATS.

3. HEADS OF MINORITY PARTIES ALLIED WITH PERONISTS IN FREJULI SENT RAUL LASTIRI (AS FIRST VICEPRESIDENT OF PERONIST PARTY) AN ULTIMATUM ON JUNE 30 ASKING FOR A MEETING AT WHICH THEY WOULD EXPRESS DEMANDS FOR CABINET CHANGES (I.E. LOPEZ REGA GOES), CONFIRMATION OF PARITARIAS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS IN GOVERNMENT LINE OR ELSE FREJULI COALITION WOULD BE DISBANDED. SO FAR, THEY HAVE BEEN IGNORED.

4. AS AMUSING SIDELIGHT, MIN OF DEFENSE SAVINO IS REPORTED BY LA OPINION TO HAVE CALLED ADMIRAL MASSERA AND INSISTED THAT HE, SAVINO, DID NOT AGREE WITH LOPEZ REGA'S POSITION IN PRESENT CRISIS. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT DURING LAST LABOR MOVE AGAINST LOPEZ REGA SOME MONTHS BACK, SAVINO, THINKING LOPEZ REGA WOULD LOSE, HASTENED TO "DEFECT." WHEN MOVEMENT SUBSIDED HE QUICKLY SCUTTLED BACK TO SIDE OF SOCIAL WELFARE MIN. APPARENTLY, HE HAS NOW DECIDED THERE HAS BEEN THIRD SHIFT IN WIND.

5. UCR LEADER BALBIN ISSUED STATEMENT YESTERDAY IN WHICH HE SUGGESTED THAT WHILE HE WILLING TO CONTINUE DIALOGUE WITH GOVERNMENT, THERE NO POINT IN DOING SO UNTIL THERE SOME RESPONSE TO MATTERS HE HAD ALREADY RAISED AND UNTIL THERE HAD BEEN "CHANGES" IN CABINET. HE ALSO CHIDED PRESIDENT FOR BLAMING THE PROBLEM ON "SOME LABOR LEADERS AND POLITICIANS." GOVERNMENT, ITSELF, HE SUGGESTED, WAS MAINLY RESPONSIBLE FOR SITUATION IN WHICH COUNTRY NOW FOUND ITSELF.
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